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: MICROACTUATOR DEVICE WITH For

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AMENDMENT

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2002, the term for response to which expires on January 21, 2003.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4-7 with the following:

This invention relates to a microactuator device comprising a multilayer structure including a plurality of piezoelectric elements and a plurality of internal electrodes alternately laminated and to a technique utilizing the microactuator device.

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